

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1796 – HB 2033

February 17, 2018

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Permits a petitioner in domestic abuse cases, to request that the court order the wireless telephone provider to transfer billing responsibilities and rights to the petitioner, if the petitioner is the primary user of the account.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013140): Deletes and rewrites the proposed legislation such that the only substantive changes are that the petitioner may make the request for wireless telephone billing responsibilities at the time of filing the order of protection, and allows the petitioner to request a modification of the original order of protection to include the transfer of billing responsibilities and rights.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation allows for a person involved in a domestic abuse case to petition the court so that the wireless telephone provider must transfer billing responsibilities and rights to the petitioner.
- The proposed legislation provides for new petitions to be filed, however, these petitions will presumably be filed in conjunction with a petition for an order of protection, therefore an increase in the caseloads of the trial and appellate courts is expected to be not significant.
- The proposed legislation allows the petitioner to request the court to modify the original order of protection to include an order to transfer of billing responsibilities and rights of the wireless telephone account.
- Any impact to the caseload of the courts can be accommodated within their existing resources.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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